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[engaging means] a securing mechanism extending between the upper surface of the top plate and the opening of the bottom plate for clamping the top plate and bottom plate together, the securing mechanism configured to be secured only from a position on a top surface of the grating sheet in order to secure the grating sheet to the structural members so as to prevent displacement of the grating sheet from the structural members by extreme wave action, the grating sheet being attached to ~~structural~~ members in a wave zone area of an offshore platform;

wherein said apparatus is formed of corrosion resistant material and said apparatus is configured [is able] to withstand the forces of waves in [a] the wave-zone portion of [an] the offshore platform area.

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18. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for securing a grating sheet comprised of parallel and transverse bars forming a pattern of openings to structural members of an offshore platform or other similar platform, comprising;

a top plate for mounting on the upper surface of the grating sheet of an offshore platform, the top plate having an opening therein;

a bottom plate being sized and shaped for attaching to the structural support members of an offshore platform in a laterally extending direction for supporting the grating sheet; and a threaded member extending between the top and bottom plates and through the opening in the top plate for engagement with a threaded nut for attaching the top and bottom plates together, the threaded member configured to be secured only from a top surface of the platform in order to secure the grating sheets to the structural members in a wave zone area of the platform;

wherein said apparatus is formed of corrosion resistant material and said apparatus is [able] configured to withstand the forces of waves in a the wave-zone portion of an offshore platform area.

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20. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein [said] the corrosion resistant material of the grating sheets is fiberglass.